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APPROVES SECTION 14 OF PROGRAM BUDGET

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1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE APPROVED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF
\$3,700 UNDER SECTION 20 FOR BIENNIUM 1974/75 PER A/C.5/1687
RE HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS WERE
MADE BY REPS OF AUSTRALIA AND ROMANIA. RE SECTION 14,
UN CONTROLLER GAVE EXPLANATION OF SYG'S WORKING PAPER CRP 2
ON METHOD OF CALCULATION INFLATION FACTOR AND RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPS OF US, JAPAN, USSR,
UK, ALGERIA, IRAN, PHILIPPINES, FRANCE. COMMITTEE BY VOTE
OF 76-0-9 (SOV BLOC) APPROVED AN AMOUNT OF \$3,854,000 UNDER
SECTION 14 BIENNIUM 1976/77 IN FIRST READING. END SUMMARY

2. AT THE 1706 TH MEETING, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS OF \$3,700 UNDER SECTION 20 PER A/C.5/1687 FOR
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
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RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE.

3. IN WIDE-RANGING GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT, AUSTRALIAN REP SAID BUDGET SHOULD BE REALISTIC AND GROWTH SHOULD BE "WITH MUSCLE NOT WITH FAT." HE SAID SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE INFLATION , BUT MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR IT, RE REAL PROGRAM GROWTH, HE SUPPORTED ACABQ METHOD B. ON MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING AUSTRALIAN REP PREFERRED A "ROLLING" PLAN SO THE UN CAN SHIFT PRIORITIES MORE EASILY. HE ALSO FAVORED NOTION THAT THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND BUDGET BE CONSIDERED IN ALTERNATE YEARS. HE DELAYED ANY FINAL ANSWER ON THE DOUBLING OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND, STRESSING THAT PROBLEM SHOULD BE ATTACKED AT ITS ROOT, I.E. DELIBERATE WITH-HOLDINGS.

4. ROMANIAN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT DENOUNCED THAT RATE OF EXPENDITURE INCREASES, DEPLORED THE OVERGROWN SEVEN-VOLUME BUDGET DOCUMENT, AND COMPLAINED OF INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATES ADDING NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR DEVELOPING STATES IN PAYING THEIR ASSESSMENTS. HE CALLED FOR A REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND A MORE ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENT USE OF PRESENT PERSONNEL. HE POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SUPPORT WHAT THEY FEEL ARE EXCESSIVE AND UNECONOMICAL PERSONNEL PRACTICES.

5. SECTION 14 - INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL
UN CONTROLLER DEBATIN PRESENTED SYG'S WORKING PAPER A/C.5/CRP 2 OF 10/5/75 RE "METHOD OF CALCULATING INFLATION FACTOR WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SECTION 14." DEBATIN SAID THE METHODOLOGY FOLLOWED COULD BE APPLIED TO ALL SECTIONS OF BUDGET SUBJECT TO CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY FOR PARTICULAR CASE INVOLVED; IT WAS A CONSERVATIVE FORECAST OF EFFECTS OF INFLATION. HE ALSO SAID EXTRABUDGETARY POSTS ARE UNDER SYG CONTROL AND ARE SUBJECT TO SAME CRITERIA AS POSTS IN REGULAR BUDGET , I.E. , THE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY, THE HIGHER LEVEL OF POST.

6. US REP (BACHE) DELIVERED STATEMENT PER REF B TO EFFECT US RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED ACABQ CUTS AND OPPOSED MERGER OF TWO SECRETARIATS.

JAPANESE REP FULLY SUPPORTED REDUCTIONS OF ACABQ, FIRMLY
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OPPOSED TRANSFER OF POSTS FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS TO REGULAR BUDGET ; DISAGREED WITH US AND SAID THERE IS OVERLAPPING AND DUPLICATION IN INCB AND COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS SECRETARIATS; AND ACCEPTED CONTROLLER'S SUGGESTION THAT ECOSOC RATHER THAN CPC SHOULD STUDY PROGRAM ASPECT OF QUESTIONS.

7. UK REP FULLY SUPPORTED CUTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUGGESTED BY ACABQ AND THOUGHT CPC SHOULD STUDY DUPLICATION
AND OVERLAPPING IN SECRETARIATS AND REPORT TO ECOSOC.
ALGERIAN REP SAID HIS GOVT WOULD MAKE STATMENT TO EFFECT
THAT EXTENT OF INFLATION ON BUDGET CANNOT BE INDICATED.

8. THE COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF 76-0-9 (ABSTENTIONS - SOV BLOC)
APPROVED AN AMOUNT OF \$3,854,00 UNDER SECTION 14 FOR
BIENNIUM 1976/77 IN FIRST READING ON UNDERSTANDING THAT
(A) DECISION BY COMMITTEE WOULD NOT PREEMPT A FUTURE
DECISION ON INFLATIONARY FACTOR AND (B) THAT COMMITTEE
5 SUPPORTS ACABQ RECOMMENDATION THAT ECOSOC STUDY
POSSIBILITY OF MERGER OF INCB AND DND.

9. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED SECTION 13 WOULD BE TAKEN UP THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 9. SPEAKERS INSCRIBED IN GENERAL DEBATE 10/7
ARE MONGOLIA, UKRAINIAN SSR, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, ARGENTIANA, AND
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